

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An elevator shaft door having a door panel with a closing edge, wherein the door panel includes a front wall and a back wall, which walls are spaced apart and connected together by thermally releasable connecting means, comprising:

a profile member thermally non-detachably fastened to the back wall of the door panel and forming a rearward portion of the closing edge of the door panel and forming a rearward door gap with an adjacent closing edge when the door is in a closed state; and

a portion of the front wall forming a forward portion of the closing edge of the door panel whereby due to a heating of the door panel, the back wall including said rearward portion of the closing edge is at least partially separated from the front wall and due to a the heating the front wall curves and the back wall including the rearward portion of the closing door edge substantially retains the rearward door gap unchanged.

2. (Previously Presented) The elevator shaft door according to claim 1 wherein said profile member is configured to form said rearward door gap with an adjacent closing edge of an opposite door panel or with an adjacent door post.

3. (Original) The elevator shaft door according to claim 2 wherein said portion of the front wall is configured to form a forward door gap with the adjacent closing edge of the opposite door panel or with the adjacent door post and said profile member is configured to form said rearward door gap with a direction or a lateral position different from a direction or lateral position respectively of said forward door gap.

4. (Original) The elevator shaft door according to claim 3 wherein said rearward door gap extends obliquely relative to said forward door gap and crosses an axis of symmetry of the door panel and the opposite door panel.

Claims 5-9 (Cancelled)

10. (New) An elevator shaft door having a door panel with a closing edge, wherein the door panel includes a front wall and a back wall, which walls are spaced apart and connected together by thermally releasable connecting means, comprising:

- a profile member including a first end thermally non-detachably fastened to the back wall of the door panel and including a second free end, said profile forming a rearward portion of the closing edge of the door panel and forming a rearward door gap with an adjacent closing edge when the door is in a closed state; and
- a portion of the front wall forming a forward portion of the closing edge of the door panel whereby due to a heating the front wall curves and the back wall including the rearward portion of the closing door edge substantially retains the rearward door gap unchanged.

11. (New) The elevator shaft door according to claim 10 wherein said profile member is configured to form said rearward door gap with an adjacent closing edge of an opposite door panel or with an adjacent door post.

12. (New) The elevator shaft door according to claim 11 wherein said portion of the front wall is configured to form a forward door gap with the adjacent closing edge of the opposite door panel or with the adjacent door post and said profile member is configured to form said rearward door gap with a direction or a lateral position different from a direction or lateral position respectively of said forward door gap.

13. (New) The elevator shaft door according to claim 12 wherein said rearward door gap extends obliquely relative to said forward door gap and crosses an axis of symmetry of the door panel and the opposite door panel.